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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

8:15 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Neeley, Hammoud.
Members absent/excused: Rep. Geiss.

Representative Cole moved to approve the minutes from the October 4th, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 5040	(Chatfield)	Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate collection of beginning September 30, 2018.
HB 5041	(Santana)	Traffic control; other; educational outreach program for driver responsibility fee amnesty program; create, and provide funding.
HB 5042	(Love)	Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate December 31, 2015 deadline for completion of form notifying department of treasury of individual's intent to perform community service.
HB 5043	(Hauck)	Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate collection of for certain individuals who entered into an installment payment program.
HB 5044	(Bellino)	Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate assessment beginning October 1, 2018.
HB 5045	(Phelps)	Traffic control; other; reference in enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act to driver responsibility fees; modify.
HB 5046	(Marino)	Traffic control; other; waiver of driver responsibility fee for successful participation in DWI sobriety court program; provide for on or after October 1, 2018.
HB 5079	(Rendon)	Traffic control; driver license; driver responsibility fee; amend eligibility for alternative payment programs, and eliminate new assessments for certain offenses.
HB 5080	(Jones)	Traffic control; other; workforce training payment program; create.

Chairman Chatfield handed the gavel over to Vice-Chair Lilly at 8:22 a.m.

Chairman Chatfield, along with Representative Santana, Representative Love, Representative Hauck, Representative Bellino, Representative Phelps, Representative Marino, Representative Rendon, and Representative Jones all testified in support of their package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Chatfield returned to the gavel at 8:34 a.m.

Secretary Ruth Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in support of the package of bills.

Duane Berger, representing Kinexus Group of Benton Harbor, and Pats Brandstatter, representing Kroger Plastics, both testified in support of the package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

James Walker, representing the National Motorists Association, testified in support of the package of bills. Discussion followed.

Jeff Donofrio, representing the Development Board and Office of Workforce Development for the city of Detroit, testified in support of the package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Judge William Kelly, representing the Michigan District Judges Association, testified in support of the package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Jack McHugh representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, testified in support of the package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified with no position to the package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury Administration, testified in opposition to the package of bills.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the package of bills, but did not wish to speak:

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Jim Miller, representing the city of Grand Rapids

Representative Lilly made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

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